



**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

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**Bureau of Industry and Security**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Voluntary Self-Disclosure of Violations of the Export Administration Regulations**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The public is invited to submit comments on this request.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0694-0058.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of this submission may be obtained from Mark Crace, Bureau of Industry and Security, 1401 Constitution Avenue, Suite 2099B, Washington, DC 20233, or viewing the entire information collection request at [www.reginfo.gov](https://www.reginfo.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) if the information will be

processed and used in a timely manner; (3) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Agency:* Bureau of Industry and Security.

*Title:* Voluntary Self-Disclosure of Violations of the Export Administration Regulations

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*OMB Control Number:* 0694-0058.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,880.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 488.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 10 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection of information is needed to detect violations of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and determine if an investigation or prosecution is necessary and to reach a settlement with violators. Voluntary self-disclosure of EAR violations strengthens BIS's enforcement efforts by allowing BIS to conduct investigations of the disclosed incidents faster than would be the case if BIS had to detect the violations without such disclosures. BIS evaluates the seriousness of the violation and either (1) Informs the person making the disclosure that no action is warranted; (2) issues a warning letter; (3) issues a

proposed charging letter and attempts to settle the matter; (4) issues a charging letter if settlement is not reached; and/or (5) refers the matter to the U.S. Department of Justice for criminal prosecution.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On Occasion

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary

*Legal Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

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